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Sleeping Rainier Stirs; Warning Plans Updated

By DWIGHT JARRELL

The Office of Emergency Preparedness, a part of the executive office of President Richard Nixon, has mounted round-the-clock observations of Mt. Rainier.

The ultra-precautionary measures come in the wake of ominous indications that the sleeping volcano may erupt or thermal actions already noted on its eastern slopes set off giant and disastrous mud slides and floods into heavily populated valleys below. The mountain watch hopefully will provide advance warnings ranging from a day to a week.

The latter was revealed to The News Tribune Friday in an interview with Raymond H. Willman, disaster assistance coordinator for the federal agency's regional office at Bothell.

A 105-acre ice breakup on Emmons Glacier, first noted last February, extends from about the 10,000- to the 13,000-foot elevation on the east slope of the peak, observers reported earlier this week. The unusual activity, it was believed, possibly relates to shifts in heat within the mountain.

Experts say that a change in the volcanic lava (magma) within the mountain could melt huge areas of snow and ice and cause slides and floods of disastrous consequences.

Prepare Evacuation Plans

Two such debris flows occurred last month from rock outcropping below the shattered area in the glacier, concerned mountain watchers report.

"Our immediate concern," Willman said, "is that there are adequate preparedness plans for the evacuation of towns and populations around the mountain in event of such a disaster."

Willman said the Office of Emergency Preparedness has been aware of the potential danger and "watching it very closely" since as late as 1967.

Seismographic teams from the University of Washington, he reported, with equipment stationed near Longmire, are maintaining constant monitoring readings on the mountain.

National Park service personnel in the meantime are watching lake temperatures at higher elevations, and a Marine Corps aircraft a month ago made an infra-red photographic reconnaissance of the mountain. Another such flight is scheduled, he said.

Areas Evacuated

"In 1967," he said, "the first indications were mud slides and water flooding that forced evacuation of parts of tourist areas within Mt. Rainier National Park.

"If such thermal action continues, or if there is an actual eruption," he said, "giant mud slides or flood waters could sweep beyond the park boundries pretty fast."

Of special concern in such an emergency, he said, would be the immediate evacuation of such communities as Ashford, Elbe, Buckley, Orting and other populated areas along the south, west and north sides of the mountain.

But such a disaster could reach quickly into the populated agricultural valleys along the Nisqually, Puyallup and White rivers, and extend as far as Tacoma and Seattle, Willman said.

'It's Happened Before'

"It's happened before," he pointed out. "The valleys themselves have been built up when the mountain erupted in eons past."

Several dams and reservoirs, including those of Tacoma City Light, would present additional catastrophic dangers, he observed.

"In event of such a disaster," he said, "the dams could be inundated immediately and the resulting wave action would be beyond the imagination."

Willman said a meeting of state and local authorities with federal officials will be held in the near future "to update present evacuation plans."

Mayor Claims State Road Plan Will Mar Downtown Tacoma

By BRUCE JOHNSON

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"I know these highway engineers," Rasmussen warned

is one of the top needs in the Tacoma area.

Paul Meyers, a member of the city planning commission

Size of New School May Be Expanded

The Tacoma Public Schools Thursday voted to increase the proposed size of the Foss High School by 72 students, a decision that could add about $265,000 to the cost of the Tightwad Hill structure.

Increasing the size of the school to a total student population of 1,672 — to allow inclusion of a program for handicapped youngsters — was urged by David Tuell, the board representative to an 80-plus member citizen-staff committee drawing up educational specifications for Foss.

Tuell said that when the committee, working with the consultant firm of Davis, MacConnell, Ralston, had worked out square footage requirements in line with the state's matching construction fund formula it was found that no provision for handicapped children had been made.

Tuell said the committee felt the district had an obligation to include a handicapped program in the school that will be located on the hillside above Cheney Stadium. Thus it was asking for an increase in the maximum size of the student body.

Henry Bertness, district assistant superintendent in charge of pupil personnel services, said the added students would increase the construction cost by about $265,000.

He said all but about $150,000 of the added cost probably could be obtained from the state.

Financing of the school, the district's fifth high school, will come from $4.5 million that was contained in the $7.2 million bond issue approved by voters last spring.

The school is expected to be

Winfield Stanley Dies in Oregon

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Winfield J. Stanley, a former principal at Sheridan and Grant schools. Mr. Stanley, who would have been 88 years old on Sept. 8, and his family have made Lake Oswego, Ore., their home for some years and the services were held in that city's Chapel by the Lake with Waverly Lodge 174, F&AM, in charge.

Surviving are his wife; and four children, Robert, of Chicago; Richard, of California; Mrs. Clifford Strike, of New York, and Mrs. Larry Black, of California; and a sister, Mrs. Charles E. Morton, of Tacoma, who attended the services.

ADIN SLOAN

Funeral services for Adin Sloan, 46, of Tacoma, who died Saturday at Roseburg, Ore., Veterans Hospital following a long illness, were held Wednesday in Pendleton, Ore.

Surviving are his wife, Nellie; his mother, Mrs. Mary Sloan Hassig, of Dale, Ore.; four sons, Donald, of LaGrande, Ore., Patrick, of Iowa, and Adin and Paul, both of Seattle; two daughters, Mrs. Linda Price and Cynthia Sloan, both of Seattle; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Beryl Valcik, of Gary, Ind., Mrs. Julia Rayeski, of Tacoma, and Mrs. James Smith, of Eatonville; a stepson, Gordon Boggs, of Sumner; and a granddaughter.

Burial was in Pendleton.

RAYMOND M. LENTZ

Raymond M. Lentz, 46, of 3201 N. Mason St., died Thursday.

He was born in Cashmere and had lived in Tacoma 43 years.

Mr. Lentz was part owner of Bimbo's Cafe and was a World War II Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Norma R.; a brother, Herbert W., of Cashmere; and three sisters, Mrs. Donald (Elsie)

Deaths

NEIL VANCE

Neil Vance, 80, of Lilliwaup, died Tuesday. He was born in Oregon and lived in Tacoma more than 20 years.

Mr. Vance was a retired carpenter and was a member of the Carpenters Union.

Survivors include his wife, Daisy, and a daughter, Phyllis Vance, of Seattle.

Services will be announced by Batstone Funeral Home, Shelton.

EARL G. HALL

Earl G. Hall, 78, of 630 N. Prospect St., died Friday. He was born in Centralia and lived in Tacoma the past 60 years.

Mr. Hall was a retired building contractor.

There are no known survivors.

Services were held Wednesday under the direction of Newell-Hoerling Mortuary, Centralia.

CARL F. HELD

Carl F. Held, 69, of 3003 Louise St. W., died Tuesday.

Mr. Held was born in Marysville, Mont., and came to Tacoma in 1918.. He was an employe of the Buffelen Woodworking Co. He was a member of the Tacoma Elks Lodge and St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

Survivors include his wife, Helene, of the home; two brothers, Ted M., of Fox Island, and Albert, of Tacoma; four sisters, Mrs. Helene Jansen and Mrs. Doralee Miller, both of Tacoma, and Mrs. Lena Kuss and Mrs. Frieda Rusfeldt, both of Seattle; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are announced by Gaffney Funeral Home.

MRS. VIRGIE M. OLSON

Mrs. Virgie M. Olson, 67, of 3514 S. K St., died Friday. She was born in Iowa and had lived in Tacoma the past 27 year

She was a cook at the Park Nursing

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